

# **WILLIAM H. LEIGHTY**

(Biographical Sketch)

## **EDUCATION**

- ◆ BA in Economics (1978), Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg; graduated Phi Beta Kappa
- ◆ MBA, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, 1978
- ◆ Pension Funds and Money Management Program; The Wharton School, 1997
- ◆ Governor's School for Strategic Leadership, Duke University, 1993
- ◆ Virginia Executive Institute, 1985
- ◆ Henry Toll Fellowship Program, 2005

## **MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

- ◆ Marine Corps, computer technician, honorably discharged, 1975

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- ◆ Named Chief of Staff by Governor Timothy M. Kaine, January 2006, and Governor Mark R. Warner, January 2002; assists in carrying out plans and initiatives of the Warner administration. Serves as the deputy planning and budget officer, deputy personnel officer, chief liaison officer with members of the General Assembly of Virginia, and manager of the Governor's office.
- ◆ Named Director, Virginia Retirement System, January 1995; responsible for all administrative aspects of the \$30 billion state pension fund, 29th largest public or private fund in the U.S.
- ◆ Named Assistant Director of Governor's Commission on Government Reform (Blue Ribbon Strike Force), January 1994, by Gov. George Allen; commission responsible for reviewing all aspects of Virginia government and holding statewide public hearings in effort to improve government services at lower cost
- ◆ Named Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, 1989; agency serves more than 35,000 customers per day; responsible for oversight of transportation safety functions, administrative and finance functions

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- ◆ Named Deputy Secretary of Transportation by Gov. Gerald L. Baliles, 1986; served as policy adviser to the Governor on transportation-related issues and oversaw operation of seven state agencies--Departments of Transportation, Aviation, Motor Vehicles, Emergency Services, Military Affairs, Fire Programs and Virginia Port Authority--with more than 14,000 employees
- ◆ Selected to serve on newly created staff of Senate Finance Committee; economist/analyst; 1980
- ◆ Entered state service, 1978; research economist, Virginia Department of Taxation

**APPOINTMENTS**

- ◆ Named Guest Director, Virginia Executive Institute (VEI), August, 2000; the VEI provides strategic leadership training to the Commonwealth's senior executives.
- ◆ Elected as Vice-Chair of the Public Retirement Institute (PRI), October, 2000.
- ◆ Appointed to the Commonwealth Performance Management Advisory Committee by Virginia Governor Gilmore for a one year term, effective July 1, 2000.
- ◆ Appointed to the Mary Washington College Board of Visitors, January, 2001.
- ◆ Recipient of the 2002 William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award

**PERSONAL**

- ◆ "A non-native Virginian," born to a military family in Stuttgart, Germany; traveled extensively throughout the U.S. during childhood, including three years in Alaska; settled in Henrico County, Virginia in 1978
- ◆ Married to the former Marti Kearns of Newport News; one son, Matthew
- ◆ Bill is an avid birdwatcher, a passion he seldom has time for these days